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Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 1:09 pm on the 3rd floor of the Capitol Building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Walker, Anderson, Hood, Hopgood and Johnson.

Absent:

Excused: Senators Booher, Schuitmaker, and Gregory

A motion to excuse all absent members was made by Senator Moolenaar and supported by Senator Anderson.

Senator Kahn gave his opening remarks regarding order of business:

- Organizational—adopt previous meeting minutes
- SB 616 (Sen. Kahn) Appropriations; zero budget; supplemental appropriations; provide for fiscal year 2013-2014.
- SB 951 (Sen. Walker) School aid; payments; reference to deficit elimination plan compliance in school aid act; update, include enhanced deficit elimination plans, and revise other reporting requirements.
- SB 952 (Sen. Walker) Education; school districts; deficit elimination plan; provide for enhancement.
- SB 954 (Sen. Walker) School aid; other; deficit elimination plan requirement; revise.
- SB 957 (Sen. Kahn) Education; school districts; preplanned financial reporting; require for school districts as part of early warning system.
- SB 955 (Sen. Pappageorge) Local government; financing; emergency municipal loan act; increase cap on emergency loans to school districts.
- SB 978 (Sen. Kahn) State financing and management; funds; surplus funds act; modify.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes from June 11, 2014. Moved by Senator Moolenaar and supported by Senator Pappageorge.

SB 616 (Sen. Kahn) Appropriations; zero budget; supplemental appropriations; provide for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Steve Angelotti with Senate Fiscal Agency provided background on the bill.

Chairman Kahn recognized Senator Caswell and asked him to provide background his amendment.

Motion made to adopt the Caswell Amendment. Moved by Senator Caswell, supported by Senator Jansen.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Walker, Anderson, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senators Booher, Schuitmaker, Gregory and Johnson
Caswell amendment was adopted.

Motion made to report the substitute S-1 SB 616 as amended. Moved by Senator Jansen, supported by Senator Kahn.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Walker, Anderson, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Senators Booher, Schuitmaker, Gregory and Johnson
The S-1 SB 616 was adopted.

Motion made to report the substitute S-1 SB 616 as amended as a clean sub. Moved by Senator Jansen, supported by Senator Pappageorge.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Jansen, Pappageorge, Caswell, Green, Proos, Walker, Anderson, Hood, and Hopgood.

Nays: Senators Moolenaar and Colbeck

Pass:

Excused: Senators Booher, Schuitmaker, Gregory and Johnson

The S-1 SB 616 was reported with recommendation as amended as a clean sub and immediate effect was given.

SB 951 (Sen. Walker) School aid; payments; reference to deficit elimination plan compliance in school aid act; update, include enhanced deficit elimination plans, and revise other reporting requirements.

SB 952 (Sen. Walker) Education; school districts; deficit elimination plan; provide for enhancement.

SB 954 (Sen. Walker) School aid; other; deficit elimination plan requirement; revise.

SB 957 (Sen. Kahn) Education; school districts; preplanned financial reporting; require for school districts as part of early warning system.

Chairman Kahn requested testimony on SB 951, 952, 954, and 957 together.

Senator Walker provided bullet points and background on the 4 bills. Kathryn Summers with SFA and Anne Blankenhorn with SMPO provided further information and answered questions from members.

Paul Connors and John Baxton with Treasury was also present and provided information on the bills.

Chairman Kahn asked that Jack Gunn, Doug LaFleur, and Charles McGrath with Eidex contact Senator Walker with their program details and information.

Chairman Kahn called Don Wotruba with the Michigan Association of School Boards, Robert Dwan with Michigan School Business Officials, and Brad Biladeau with the Michigan Association of School Admin to testify together. They were in opposition of the bills.

Becky Rocho with the Calhoun ISD testified in favor of some of the package, but in opposition to some. Her testimony was provided to members, and is available online.

Benjamin Williams with Michigan Department of Education was present and in favor of the bills, but did not wish to testify.

Chairman Kahn moved to remove SB 955 and SB 978 from the agenda for testimony.

Without objection, Chairman Kahn adjourned at 3:07 pm.

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Date Approved by the Committee